

**OPEN TO ALL.**  
An Architectural Competition of a Novel Kind.  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The trustees appointed by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst for the obtaining of an architectural plan of the building and grounds for the University of California have just completed their program for an international competition open to the architects of the world, which is to be closed immediately. Copies of the program for distribution will be forwarded to the capitals of all foreign countries and to the principal cities of the United States. The competition will close on July 1, 1898, when all plans must be deposited with the United States consul at Antwerp, Belgium.

**An Unpatriotic American.**  
PAID, December 31.—The latest information regarding the will of the late Dr. Thomas Evans, the American dentist, is that although it may be attacked there is little chance to set it aside. All the clauses are not known, but it transpires that Dr. Evans remembered all his relatives. He excluded from inheritance John Evans, and his heirs. Dr. Evans left five-sixths of his fortune to charities in Paris and elsewhere.

**Important to Bondholders.**  
SANTA CRUZ, December 31.—B. A. Hiblin & Company this evening brought suit against City Treasurer Williams to restrain him from paying the interest and principal for the first issue of municipal bonds, aggregating about \$275,000, on the ground that they were not sold to the highest bidder and the money from the sale was not paid into the city treasury as required by the law.

**The Old Insanity Plea.**  
PHOENIX, Ariz., December 31.—Wallace Duncan, a young tourist who lately arrived from Indianapolis, was today sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for forgery. Duncan has wealthy relatives in the East, among them General Low Wallace. A strenuous effort was made in his behalf, the plea of insanity being especially advanced.

**A Millionaire Tramp's End.**  
PATERSON, N. J., December 31.—J. B. Berry, the so-called millionaire tramp, was found lying near the wharf this morning with his leg broken. He fell from the platform while partially under the influence of liquor. Since his arrival he has scattered his money with a lavish hand.

**CAR LINES UNITE.**  
Santa Monica Electric Lines Will Compete no More.  
LOS ANGELES, December 31.—Articles of incorporation have been filed of the Los Angeles and Pacific Railroad Company. It is formed "for the purpose of consolidating the capital stock, debts, property, franchises, etc., of the two corporations known respectively as the Pasadena and Pacific Railroad Company of California, and to acquire and operate a single line or double track electric railway lines from the city of Los Angeles to the city of Santa Monica, with branch lines running from the main line to Hollywood, Laurel Canyon and South Santa Monica, Santa Monica canyon and the Soldiers home."

**STATE PRODUCTS**  
They Have Increased During the Year.  
Wheat is the Only Exception in a Very Long List.  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The Chronicle in its annual New Year edition will give the following statistics regarding the principal products of California, showing an increase in every instance with the exception of wheat, which has fallen off somewhat:  
Total production in 1897—Wine, 30,000,000 gallons; beans, sugar, 65,000,000 pounds; wheat, 18,000,000 bushels; barley, 9,000,000 bushels; wool, 32,000,000 pounds; lumber, 10,000,000 cubic feet; prunes, 82,500,000 pounds; raisins, 10,000,000 pounds; hops, 3,000,000 pounds; oranges, 12,250,000 boxes each.

**Killed by Tramps.**  
PHOENIX, A. T., December 31.—The body of the man killed by tramps at Maricopa several days ago has been identified as that of Alexander W. W. a yardmaster employed in this city for several months past. No clue has been found as to the murderers.

**ONE MORE EFFORT MADE**  
Durrant's Attorneys Try a New Lead  
But Find the Judges Very Unsympathetic.  
The Scheme is to Get the Case Back Into the Federal Courts.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—Another sensational attempt was made this morning to take the Durrant case into the federal courts. A remarkable document was presented to United States Circuit Judge Hawley, and upon it a writ of habeas corpus was asked. The object was to prevent the execution of the murderer of Blanche Lamont one week from today.

**WANT NO HELP**  
Uncle Sam Not Needed at Dawson.  
CANADIANS WHO INSIST THAT THE DOMINION GOVERNMENT CAN ACT UNAIDED.

VICTORIA, B. C., December 31.—It is stated that a formal protest will be made to the Dominion government by the different boards of trade and members of parliament of British Columbia against allowing the admission of United States expedition goods in the northwest territory free of duty.

**DIED IN PRAYER**  
The Call Came Suddenly in Church.  
Mrs. Honora Dorgan While Kneeling in Devotion Is Summoned Away.

OAKLAND, December 31.—Death came to Mrs. Honora Dorgan while she knelt in devotion at early mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart this morning.

**Posse Irrigation Company Sued.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The Posse Irrigation Company has been sued by J. J. Rauer for \$20,000, said to be due to D. S. Coverdale for work in constructing the works of the company, a certificate of indebtedness to that amount having been issued by the officers of the company.

**WEYLER'S VENOM.**  
He Is Still Seeking to Make Trouble.  
MADRID, December 31.—The *Imparcial* calls upon the government to "repel every action of the United Statesavoring of intervention in Cuba," and adds: "There exists a widespread sentiment against the conduct of the United States, but we do not think General Weyler is the most acceptable exponent thereof."

**NOT WITHOUT TRIAL.**  
Candidates for Whittier Must Be Convicted by a Jury.  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The supreme court has decided that Section 1 of the Whittier State School act is illegal. The section authorizes a superior judge, when information is filed by a grand jury against a minor for the commission of crime, to order the defendant committed to Whittier without the formality of a trial.

**Robbed His Own Father.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—Adolph Behr and William Potts were taken to jail this evening for robbing the father of the former. For some time the store of William Behr, shoe dealer, has been systematically pillaged. Detectives caught the young man selling 63 pair of shoes to a pawn broker for one-fifth their value. Whether the thieves will be prosecuted depends on the father of Behr.

**STATE TEXT BOOKS**  
Teachers Unqualifiedly Condemn Them.  
The Books Are Not up to Requirements of Modern Schools.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 31.—The California Teachers' Association does not favor the present system of state text books. They decided to "urge the legislature to take such action as will lead to their discontinuance."

**WANTED HIS PROPERTY.**  
A Lunatic Wanders Into the White House.  
WASHINGTON, December 31.—A young white man named Frank Kachetky, was arrested at the White House this afternoon and sent to the police station. He told the doorman that the President had a lot of property belonging to him and he wanted it.

**ROYAL BAKING POWDER**  
Absolutely Pure  
Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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KUTNER-GOLDSTEIN COMPANY,  
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I kindly wish the PUBLIC to UNDERSTAND that this is NOT the PLACE where ONE DAY you are HUMBUGGED by BEING TOLD that you RECEIVE goods WORTH \$1.50 for \$1 and the NEXT DAY the SAME PARTIES call THEIR goods HONEST and RELIABLE goods.  
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BARTON OPERA HOUSE.  
Only Two More Nights—Tomorrow Night NEW YEAR'S MATINEE.  
THE ELLEFORD CO.  
Including the popular singing MISS JESSIE NO.  
Matinee Today.  
The fairy pantomime, "HUMPTY DUMPTY."  
Prices—Reserved seats, 20 and 30 cents. Children, 10 cents to any seat.  
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Last performance Sunday—3—GREAT PLAY.  
The beautiful comedy, "The Opera."  
The two-act comedy, "True Irish Hearts."  
The roasting fad, "Senator Mc."  
New songs, dances and stunts in every performance.  
Box Office open from 9:30 p. m. Telephone 100.

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Presenting in all their dazzling Electric Splendor. Esplanade. Esplanade.  
THURSDAY—  
"La Grande Duchesse."  
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"Amorita."  
With a great chorus of 35 voices.  
SEATS ON SALE TUESDAY, JAN. 4.  
Prices—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.  
S. L. HOGUE,  
Notary -:- Public  
-AND-  
Conveyancer.  
Wishes to announce to his friends and those whom he desires to be his friends—that he, the public in general—that he will open an office in the Fresno Loan and Savings Bank building January 1, 1898.  
Dealing in real estate bought and sold strictly on a commission basis.  
Fire, Life and Accident Insurance written, and money to loan on approved security.  
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A share of your patronage respectfully solicited.

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**Wanted**  
FAT HOGS and CHICKENS  
-AT-  
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-CORNER OF-  
F and Twelfth Streets.  
HIGHEST MARKET PRICE PAID  
**REMOVAL NOTICE**  
Colonel J. G. Anderson has removed his REAL ESTATE, NOTARY PUBLIC and FIDELITY bonds to No. 304 J street, opposite Postoffice.  
Notice to Creditors  
In the Superior Court of the county of Fresno, in the matter of W. F. Hanks, deceased.  
N. O. Hanks is hereby given notice that the above named estate is being administered by the undersigned, N. O. Hanks, executor, under the will of the said deceased, and that all claims against the estate of the said deceased, must be presented to the undersigned, N. O. Hanks, executor, on or before the 1st day of February, 1898, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of that day, at the place of business of the undersigned, N. O. Hanks, executor, at the Fresno Loan and Savings Bank building, in the city of Fresno, California.  
Dated December 29th, 1897.



















